Reservation in allotment of petrol pumps

†4293. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a system of reservation for the backward classes in the allotment of petrol pumps;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) At present, 50% reservation of retail outlet dealerships (petrol pumps), LPG distributorships and SKO-LDO dealerships has been provided for different sections of the society, as under:—

(i)	Defence personnel	— 8%
(ii)	Freedom Fighters	— 2%
(iii)	Outstanding Sports	— 2%
(iv)	Paramilitary/Police/Government Personnel	— 8%
(v)	Physically Hadicapped Persons	— 5%
(vi)	Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes	— 25%

33% of the dealerships in all categories mentioned above will be reserved for women belonging to that category.

The Government do not have under consideration any proposal to provide further reservations for any other specific category.

Promotion of religious tourism

4294. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any Central plan of action to promote religious tourism in India; and

(b) if so, whether her Ministry has any plan to develop the facilities in Ayodhya, Mathura, Ajmer and Agra to attract more National and International tourists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Development and promotion of religious tourism is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/U.T.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has been assisting the State Governments/U.T. Administrations for development of infrastructure through its scheme of Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits, Product/Infrastructure Development based on receipt of projects proposals, their merit, availability of funds and *inter-se* priority. The scope of schemes includes development of facilities at religious sites also.

(b) The details of financial assistance provided for development of facilities at Ayodhya, Mathura, Ajmer and Agra are as per annexed Statement.

Statement

Project/schemes sanctioned for development of facilities at Ayodhya, Mathura, Ajmer and Agra

(Rs. in lakh)

Year	Name of the Project	Amount sanctioned	Amount released
	Ayodhya		
1991-92	Yatri Niwas at Ayodhya	27.47	27 47
2002-04	Development/Beautification at Ram-ki-Paidi in Ayodhya	98.18	98.18
	Mathura		
1997-98	Tourist Complex, Vrindaban,	38.22	22.79
1997-98	Tourist reception Centre at Mathura	23.50	18.80
1999-2000	Wayside Amenities at Mathura bypass road	9.45	7.56
1999-2000	Yatri Niwas at Vrindaban	40.00	27.59
2004-05	Renovation of Radhakund and Shyamkund in Mathura	145.35	116.28
2004-05	Renovation/Beutification of Kusum Sarover at Govardhan	100.77	80 66
	Ajmer		
1988-89	Construction of Tourist Complex at Pushkar	13.84	13.84
1990-91	Construction of Tourist Accommodation at Pushkar	7.10	7.10
1992-93	Construction of Public conveniences at Vishramsthali, Ajmer	8.48	3.53
1992-93	Pilgrims Shade, Vishramsthali (Pucca structure) Ajmer	24.38	24.38
1992-93	Pilgrims Shed (Rain Basera) Ajmer	10.28	10.28
1998-99	Integrated Development of place of pilgrimage, Pushkar Ghat	51.65	41.32
1998-99	Upgradation of Tourist Bungalow Khadim, Ajmer	5.00	4.00
2000-01	Construction of Shilpgram at Tourist Village Pushkar, Ajmer	13.74	13.74
2003-04	Purchase of Swiss Cottages, Deluxe Cottages and Luxuy Cottage for Pushkar	100.00	90.00
2003-04	Integrated Development of Pushkar under Destination Development Scheme: (1) Construction of dormitories for visitors at Mela Ground at Pushkar-Rs. 150.00 lakh	500.00	500.00

(Rs. in lakh)

Year	Name of the Project	Amount sanctioned	Amount released
	(2) Construction of Stadium and Tent Platform at Pushkar Rs. 74.48 lakh (3) Construction of Sulabh Sauchalaya at Mela Ground at Pushkar Rs. 14.09 lakh (4) Development work at Pushkar Ghats Rs.261.43 lakhs		
2003-04	Construction of Vishramsthali for Dargah Sharif at Ajmer	187.00	187.00
2002-04	Renovation of existing Vishramsthali at Pushkar Road in Ajmer	68.50	68.50
	Agra		
1997-98	Visitors Centre at Agra	20.92	6.27
1998-99	Integrated Development & Construction of Conference Hall/Banquet Hall/Restaurant and shops at Shilpgram, Agra	50.00	25.00
1998-99	Refurbishment of monument at Aram Bagh, Agra	11.34	3.40
1999-00	Toilet at Taj Mahal (5 Star Level) Agra	21.00	7.10
2000-01	Renovation of toilets at Tajganj, Agra	7.54	6.02
2000-01	Renovation of community toilets at Fatehpur Sikri (Man gate and Punch Mahal (inside) at Fatehpur Sikri, Agra	16.90	5.00
2000-01	Integrated Development of Bateshwar in Agra	50.00	40.00
2003-04	Construction of Interpretation Centre/Shopping Centre and related development work and services at Fatehpur Sikri, Agra.	495.00	495.00

Tourism projects in Tamil Nadu

4295. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the performance/progress of ongoing tourism projects in the country, particularly in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years in terms of physical and financial targets set and achieved, State-wise;

(c) whether any new proposals have been sent by the State Government to the Central Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when the proposals are likely to be given approval?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Tourism reviews the performance/progress of the ongoing projects all over the country on a regular basis through field visits by officers of the Headquarters and field visits by the India tourism offices. Regular review meetings are also held with the concerned Secretaries and other officials of the State, where the progress of the implementation of all the projects are constantly discussed & reviewed.